

What happened at the prom?

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Setup: Mean Girls

Each player plays a member of a different high school clique, club or team, eg goths, chess club, swim team. Choose your group, name your character.

Draw a cafeteria map. Each player chooses where their group sits, and decorates their table to stake their claim.

Scene 1: The Breakfast Club

You were each accused of doing something wrong, and now you're in detention.

The teacher leaves you unsupervised. Introduce yourselves, talk about why you're here, explore the relationships between your characters, and their social groups. Some will be predictable and obvious; others less so.

Scene 2: Pump up the Volume

Next week in detention, you're all talking about the prom, but there are problems threatening your big high school moment.

What are they? Broken up with your date? Teachers threatening cancellation? Band pulled out? Demon-summoning needs averting? Prom queen/king campaign going badly?

Scene 3: Prom Night

What last minute heroics are needed to save the prom? Or maybe it's not saved at all! Are the lines of friendship and enmity between the cliques the same as they were? Who wins prom king and queen? Does the punch get spiked?



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